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Special Announcement

Call for Volunteer Nonprofit Coaches. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is recruiting leaders from the nonprofit, business, foundation and government sectors to volunteer as coaches for nonprofit leaders participating in its 2005 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) class. Each participating nonprofit executive is matched with a coach, who provides mentoring and strategic assistance in areas of interest such as management, fundraising, board development, and policy development. This is a great opportunity for interested individuals to share their expertise. For more information, contact Pat Henry at (202) 727-8900 or pat.henry@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

Federal Opportunities

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training--Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds for: (1) projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation; (2) projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation; and (3) projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, and public housing authorities. The deadline for applications is March 24, 2005.

Approximately \$3.15 million is available to fund 23 awards of up to \$150,000. For further information, contact Julius Cotton at (202) 245-6140, (202) 245-6288-fax, or julius.cotton@ed.gov; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/E5-592.pdf>.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

The Energy Office (DCEO), Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP), February 25, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Office of Homeland Security (OHS), National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program, March 1, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), March 3 and June 2, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), DC Main Street Arts Initiative, March 3, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Serve DC, in partnership with the Freddie Mac Foundation, National Youth Service Day, March 4, 2005.

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The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/ State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Program, March 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The State Education Office (SEO), FY 2005 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program, March 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, March 25, June 24, September 23, and December 22, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (CAH), Folk & Traditional Arts Mini Grants, April 7, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

HIV/AIDS. *The M-A-C AIDS Fund* provides funding to organizations that support men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Grants are typically made to assist with the following: basic needs such as food, clothing and housing; prevention and awareness campaigns; services related to healthcare, social services, medical transportation and recreational activities; and event sponsorships to help raise funds that directly benefit HIV/AIDS organizations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, contact Bruce Hunter at macaidsfund@maccosmetics.com; or go to: <http://www.macaidsfund.org/index.shtml>.

The Nature of Learning. *The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other sponsors* seeks to use National Wildlife Refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues; encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that seeks to enhance student academic achievement; utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues; and foster partnerships among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and local businesses. Eligible applicants include schools or nonprofit organizations, including "Friends" groups, Cooperative and

Interpretive Associations, Audubon chapters, conservation organizations, and nature centers. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2005. Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000. For further information, contact Suzy Oversvee at suzanne.oversvee@nfwf.org; or go to: <http://www.nfwf.org/>.

Social Change. *Common Counsel's Grantee Exchange Fund (GXF)* provides grants to encourage social change organizations to seek technical assistance from one another, and to help build regional and national networks among organizations. Grants cover training, travel or conference expenses. Eligible applicants include grassroots, community-based organizations working on economic, social justice, and environmental initiatives. There are no deadlines for applications. Approximately 60 grants, ranging from \$300-\$800, are available each year. For further information, contact GXF at 1221 Preservation Park Way, Suite 101, Oakland, CA 94612; or go to:

<http://www.commoncounsel.org/pages/foundation.html#grantee>.

Wealth Creation. *The F.B. Heron Foundation* is dedicated to supporting organizations with a track record of building wealth within low-income communities. Towards this end, the Foundation provides grants to and investments in organizations that promote the following five wealth creation strategies for low-income families in urban and rural communities: increasing access to capital; supporting enterprise development; advancing home ownership; reducing the barriers to full participation in the economy by providing quality child care; and employing comprehensive community development approaches with a strong focus on the wealth creation strategies noted above. Eligible applicants include direct-service, community-based organizations and enterprises. All first-time applicants should submit a one- or two-page Letter of Inquiry (LOI) rather than calling. LOIs are accepted at any time. For further information, go to: <http://www.fbheron.org/>

Youth-Led Community Research. *CIRCLE (Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement)* announces a new grant competition for community research conducted by young people. Research teams can investigate a community issue of their choice. Topics should be chosen by youth

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researchers and should be responsive to something they think is important and has implications for the community at large. Teams must have a plan for disseminating their findings and an audience (or audiences) they want to target. Eligible applicants include teams of youth researchers working in affiliation with a community organization or institution. Research teams must include at least 5 young people, under the age of 18. Teams may also include adult mentors working in an advisory capacity. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2005. Grants range from \$5,000-\$10,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.civicyouth.org/>.

Resources & Announcements

Bilingual Job Fair. *The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)* will host a Bilingual Job Fair that will highlight bilingual jobs and those available to Limited English Proficient job seekers. If your agency is interested in reaching out to the Asian and Pacific Islander community or if you are in need of Bilingual Staff, this is an excellent opportunity for you to meet potential candidates. There will be a limited number of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese translators on site to assist you in communicating with potential job seekers. The Bilingual Job Fair will take place on April 25, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Soohyun Koo at (202) 727-3120 or soohyun.koo@dc.gov.

Grant Opportunities Notebook. *The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFCI)* produced the 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook. The notebook is a guide to this year's federal funding opportunities for faith-based and community organizations across DHHS. Included in the notebook is information on approximately 40 grants in the following areas: Community Development, At-Risk Children and Youth, Senior, Health, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health programs. Also included is information on the Compassion Capital Fund, how to be a grant reviewer, how to make a Freedom of Information request, and online resources for organizations interested in federal funding. For further information, go to:

http://www.hhs.gov/fbcf/CFBCI_M0374_GrantNotebook_FINAL.pdf.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Nonprofit Promotion. *The Catalogue for Philanthropy's* goal is to inspire and attract donors by promoting charities that beautifully represent philanthropy—through the excellence of their work, the creativity of their approach, the compelling nature of the needs they address, and their concrete accomplishments. Each year, the Catalogue selects charities to feature in its publication in order to illustrate and demonstrate excellence, and to show how philanthropy is essential to our quality of life. Ultimately, the Catalogue provides small-to-mid-sized charities with visibility and a way to reach large numbers of potential major donors region-wide. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations in the Washington region (i.e., District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George's, and Frederick counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, in Virginia) in all fields of philanthropy, with operating budgets of \$2 million or below. Organizations that were featured in the 2003 or 2004 Catalogue are not eligible to reapply in 2005. The deadline for applications is March 25, 2005. For further information and to access the application, contact the Catalogue at (202) 549-6369 or dcquestions@catalogueforphilanthropy.org; or go to: <http://www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc/applynow/index.html>.

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Preparing Your 990: An Introduction to Free Software from the NCCS. *The Foundation Center - Washington, DC* will host an InfoBreakfast session on new 990-preparation software by Linda Lampkin, Director of the National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS), and Senior Research Associate, the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at The Urban Institute. The session will take place on March 10, 8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m., at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. There is no fee, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call (202) 331-1400 or go to:
<http://fdncenter.org/washington/infobrkd.html>.

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